

Caregiver Support Services – Application process clarification

The Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services (DDRS) recently announced details regarding the availability of funding for Caregiver Support Services as well as the application procedure for these services.

We would like to clarify that the application for Caregiver Support Services must be made in person at the Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Services (BDDS) district offices by the primary caregiver, OR, if eligibility has not yet been determined, must be made in person by the primary caregiver and the individual(s), at the BDDS district offices. If the individual has already been determined eligible for BDDS services, they are not required to be present.

For reference, please see the previously announced details below:

The Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services would like to announce that there will be Caregiver Support Services funds available for the fiscal year - July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. Caregiver Support Services is 100% state funded.

The application for Caregiver Supports Services must be made in person by the primary caregiver and the individual(s) at the Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Services (BDDS) district offices. Services will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

The primary caregiver and the individual(s) may apply for Caregiver Support Services at the BDDS district offices on and after Monday, June 27, 2011.

Caregiver Support Services can be approved when 1) the Caregiver Support Services funds are available, and 2) individual meets the state definition of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and 3) the primary caregiver selects a provider.

The individual cannot be receiving any other state funded services and also receive Caregiver Support Services.

Caregiver Supports Services is available at the following levels, depending upon the number of eligible individuals who reside in the home with the caregiver.

Eligible in the Residence	Total hours available	Hours / Individual
1 (individual)	62	62
2 (individual + 1)	92	46
3 (individual + 2)	125	41
4 (individual + 3)	156	39
5 (individual + 4)	187	37

Please contact the respective BDDS district office responsible for your county of residence for more details. A full listing of the BDDS District Offices can be found on the Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services Web site at <http://www.in.gov/fssa/files/BDDS.pdf>.